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MEMORANDUM FOR THE CHAIRMAN, DEFINITIONS BOARD

SUBJECT: Petroleum Intelligence Production for National Intelligence Surveys

1. The Intelligence Agencies of the Federal Government are currently developing a joint basic intelligence program under the coordination of the Central Intelligence Agency. This basic intelligence is being compiled and continuously maintained in National Intelligence Surveys (NIS) to cover foreign countries, areas, or broad special subjects, as appropriate.

2. At present, basic intelligence on petroleum is included in Subsection 62C (Petroleum) of NIS Chapter VI (Economic). This Subsection is designed to meet the needs of strategic planning and initial highest level operational planning. Careful study, however, has led to the conclusion that the legitimate requirements of government agencies for basic intelligence on petroleum can not be fully met by Subsection 62C and that there should be added to the NIS Program and placed in production with the least practicable delay a Petroleum Supplement to NIS.

3. Paragraph 1 a (6) of NSCDD No. 3, 13 January 1948, provides that departments or agencies of the government to be called on for contributions to the NIS Program may include agencies other than those represented permanently on the Intelligence Advisory Committee.

4. I should like the Petroleum Committee to give consideration to a proposal to furnish intelligence support in the field to the NIS Program.

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5. [REDACTED] (telephone: Executive 6113, Extension 2866), Chairman of the NIS Committee, is designated as my representative to discuss NIS requirements

in detail with members of the Petroleum Committee, and will render such assistance as may be needed by the Committee in considering this proposal.

/s/ R. H. H.

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